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(Also will be bringing out a special album for the stamps of Liberia along with priced check lists.)

Still clearing out various foreign oddments accumulated over the past 30 years. Name your specialty and perhaps a selection can be sent out. For example have on hand a marvellous array of early Austria including thousands of the first issue imperf. Egypt is also well represented but there is a little of everything even U.S.A. (\$100.00 gets a rather nice collection of fancy cancels on the large 2c and 3c late 19th century U.S.A. issues). All are worthwhile lots and collections, running in value from \$10.00 to as high as \$8,000.00.

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KEEP IT UP

We do get a kick out of the occasional letter received bearing philatelic stamps. They may be a Bell, Halifax or Citizenship stamp in conjunction with current stamps or even a current 6c stamp which seems not too common. All may be worth a cent or two more than the 5c stamp necessary for a letter but they do identify the sender as a philatelist proud to show it.

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The Third Page

Popular Stamps

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NOT TOO COMMON

The average private individual is not likely to have received many of the recent 20c paper products or 25c chemistry stamps on his mail. And probably when he does get a parcel where he would logically expect to find such stamps used he finds the parcel arrives with a meter slip showing postage paid. The possibilities are that these two stamps in used condition won't be too common.

YOUR ANSWER

A. B., Que.—Our last advice from the P.O.D. in April gave the plates used on current low value stamps as: 1c—1, 2, 3; 2c—3, 4, 5—1 & 2 sold out; at Philatelic Branch; 3c—1, 2; 4c—3, 4, 5, 6—1 & 2 sold out; 5c—6, 7, 8, 9, 10—1 to 5 sold out; 6c—1 & 2. Later numbers may have been added since to some denominations. Current stamps also appear with "G" overprint, sooner or later, but such overprinting is not made on commemorative stamps.

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active stamps. Most recent commemorative stamps appear on two plates, one exception being the 5c I.C.A.O. stamp for which one plate only was used.

It is planned to hold the 1958 C.P.S. exhibition in Victoria in that year.

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tions divided in policy and danger of
a third world war nearer than ever.

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At press time we have a letter
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had a number of letters since pub-
lication of his article in October
P.S. which mentioned Bend-of-
Pettitcodiac asking where it was.
He says it is the present day Moncton,
N.B. We cannot get his full ar-
ticle on the subject in this issue but
will have it in December.

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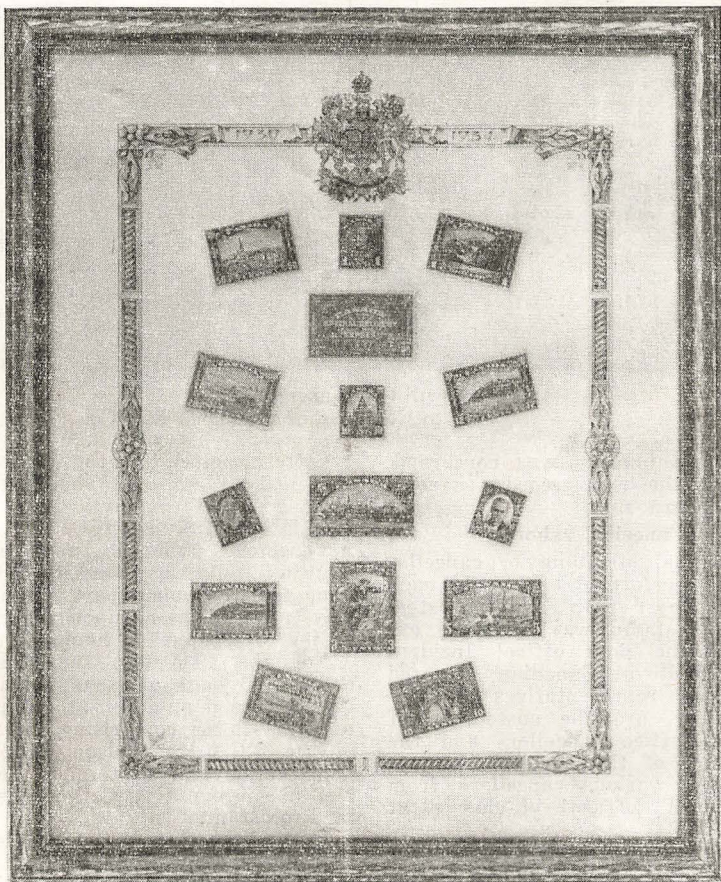
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SILVER JUBILEE STAMPS OF CANADA —

“R.M.S. NASCOPIE” NOTES

By Herman Jacobi Jr.)

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Display frame of the postage stamps of Canada as hung in the salon of “R.M.S. Nascope”, 1935.
(Actual size 11¾” by 14½”)

(Continued from Last Issue)

For the 1935 trip, and following the philatelic press release in this connection, collectors sent in the properly prepared covers, with the money required for the postage wanted, and this postage was affixed at headquarters in Ottawa, during May and June of 1935. Silver Jubilee stamps were largely used on these covers and sets, as

well as various combinations, from single to blocks of all values, were used.

The covers, as sent in and prepared, by affixing the stamps asked for, were placed in bags for each separate Arctic post office. The items to be registered were also kept separate for each post office en route. These registered items were treated on the ship insofar as the



Farewell to "Nascopie"

Photo Courtesy of Hudson's Bay Co. (Winnipeg)

registration number was concerned. Moreover, the book record was completed aboard ship.

Cancelled ashore

The actual stamping or cancellation was performed ashore, in each respective post office, as no steel cancelling stamp was available except—at the post office! Incidentally, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as representatives of the government, are the custodians of the post office cancellers and the postmaster of the Nascopie had to obtain the various cancellers from the R.C.M.P. officer, in charge, at each port.

The philatelic mail was taken ashore and cancelled as each port was reached. The registered date stamp, in some cases, was only a large "R" with the number written in. In other cases a rubber stamp was used, with a Model dater pad, on which appeared the post office name and number assigned. The stamping pad might have any colour of ink. The recognized cancellation on the stamps however, was the regular black ink, as a rule. Two exceptions were Lake Harbour, N.W.T., where ink was pale mauve; and Port Harrison, P.Q., where ink was bright red violet.

Letters posted on the ship were cancelled by an oval rubber stamp reading "Eastern Arctic Mail Service-date" "R.M.S. NASCOPIE."

Thus the philatelic, and regular mail as well, was handled in 1935, and, for the most part, found its way into collections upon the return of the "Nascopie" to home port.

For the 1935 trip the Nascopie carried 75 bags of regular mail, to the literate population, at her points of call—these comprising personell of the R.C.M.P.; Hudson Bay Company employees; doctors, nurses, as well as missionaries, Catholic as well as Protestant.

In 1935 an average of 200 letters each were mailed out of Port Burwell, P.Q.; Lake Harbour, N.W.T.; Chesterfield Inlet, N.W.T.; Craig Harbour, N.W.T., and Ponds Inlet, Baffin Island, N.T. At Pangnirtung, N.W.T., the letters mailed would ex-

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ceed 1000, due to the presence of a hospital with its greater white population.

It is also interesting to note the population of these ports, in 1935, as follows:

Place	Estimated Population 1935			
	Normal		Ship-Time	
	white	eskimo	white	eskimo
Port Burwell, P.Q.	2	12	2	50
Port Harrison, P.Q.	8	40	8	100
Churchill, Man.	70	40	70	75
(End of C.N.R.)				
Craig Harbour ..	2	6	2	6
Ponds Inlet, ...	6	25	6	80
Baffin Is., N.T.				
Pangnirtung, ...	12	75	12	200
N.W.T.				

Mail was also sent from port to port IF the ship was due to stop there. Mail, per person, ran from one letter, to as much as six bags; to a doctor in Pangnirtung, who received his daily paper from the "outside" for one year, plus magazines for himself and family, as well as Christmas presents.

The Silver Jubilee display, shown at the beginning of these notes, as well as the second frame, both of which hung in the salon of the "Nascopie" during the 1935 trip, aroused considerable interest among the people on board as well as visitors at the various ports. Several hundred dollars worth of stamps were sold because of these frames and all of the stamps displayed were available at face!

Undoubtedly much can be written with regard to earlier, as well as later, "Nascopie" trips, but these notes serve to describe what went on, in general, at that time, and serve to describe, in detail, what happened during the 1935—the SILVER JUBILEE—year!

A Nfld cover with a strip of three of the 2d scarlet vermilion sold for \$12,500 at the Caspary sales in New York. This is a record for any single piece of B.N.A. to date.

Say you saw it in Popular Stamps.

NEWS FROM FAR WEST

The October meeting of the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society was held in the Empress Hotel on Thursday evening, October 11th. The president, Mr. V. E. Eardley-Wilmot, was in the chair, and about fifty members and a large number of visitors were welcomed to the Annual Exhibition of the Society.

Exhibits were divided into three classes: General, Topical and Novice. Instead of having judges, winners were chosen by ballot.

Results were as follows: In the general class Major Sam Henson's fine show of "Egyptian stamps" received first prize. In the topical class, Miss Jessie M. Gordon's "Chalon Heads" got the greatest number of votes, and Miss Elizabeth Oliver topped the Novice class with her exhibit of "Penny Reds."

A number of splendid "non-competitive" exhibits were shown, one of special interest being a joint entry by Dr. J. A. Pearce and Mr. Reg. Nairne. Included in this entry were examples of most of the 125 stamps in use in Great Britain and her colonies in 1856, such as the G.B. and other Rectangulars, the Nova Scotia Diamonds, the Ceylon Hexagons, the New Brunswick Squares, the New South Wales Octogons, the Scinde Rounds, also the famous Cape Triangulars, etc., etc.

This variety of shapes was no accident, but was the result of a deliberate plan of those in charge of philatelic affairs at that time.

In 1856 the 125 stamps could have been purchased for less than ten dollars, now their combined catalogue value is in the neighbourhood of seventy-three thousand dollars.

Among other displays in the non-competitive section were: Mrs. V. Molesworth's "Heraldic Lions on Stamps," Miss Jean G. Robert's "Large Queen's Heads of Canada" (first issued in 1868), Mr. V. L. Eardley-Wilmot's "Early Great Britain," etc., etc.

Mr. Gerald S. Wellburn presented the prizes and gave a most interesting and enlightening commentary on the outstanding features of many of the collections shown.

The door-prize was won by Mr. Clifford Moore.

MONTREAL EXHIBITION

The stamp exhibition held in the Bell Telephone building in Montreal October 25 to 27 was a great success. Thousands visited the show which was expertly staged and contained philatelic material of a very high standard.

The exhibition was officially opened by Mr. Rene Boileau, Postmaster of Montreal, who was representing the Postmaster-General. Also present at the opening ceremony were Mr. A. R. Neilson, president of the Laurentian Council, Telephone Pioneers of America; Mr. J. E. Clark, chairman of the Hobby Committee of the Council; Mr. L. G. Buck, president of the Westmount Stamp Club; and Major R. M. Watson, chairman of the Exhibition Committee, as well as a large gathering of leading philatelists.

Judging of exhibits was made on the basis of gold, silver and bronze awards as used at the Canadian Philatelic Society's Exhibition at Windsor, Ont., this spring when the Windsor Y Stamp Club acted as hosts to the Society's convention.

The judges were C. G. Kemp, Paul Nattal and A. H. Christensen.

Gold Awards were won by the following: A. Graham Fairbanks (Pence Issues of Canada); Major R. M. Watson (Falkland Islands and Dependencies); Dr. D. B. Johnstone of Burlington, Vermont, (U.S. Carriers); H. A. Dykerman (Netherlands); and Carl Mangold (Switzerland).

Silver Awards were won by: The Rev. Dr. G. P. Dewey (Canada Small Cents); C. H. Bayley of Ottawa (B.W.I. Covers); Major W. W. Gear (Specimens); N. Lagios (Greece); H. G. Teal (Stamps and Related Autographs); S. Ivry (Austria); R. K. Eadie (Swiss Pioneer Airmails); and Reg. Haldimand (Flowers on Stamps.)

Bronze Awards were won by: R. J. Sutherland (Newfoundland); Dr. D. F. Green of Burlington, Vermont, (U.S.A.); K. Pam (Saxony); Dr. Stewart Allen (China); Dr. S. de Abravanel (Israel); J. Edinger (Israel); E. B. Philip (Canada); Wm. Griffiths (Airmails); and E. A. Rawlings (Air Letter Sheets).

Junior Bronze Awards: Margaret Ward and John Sheel.

A feature of the Exhibition was the Post Office on the floor of the show where mail was specially cancelled with a slogan cancellation. Special cacheted covers were available at the exhibition. The Post Office had for sale specially selected stocks of Canadian stamps which had been sent down from Ottawa for the occasion. There was also a turntable display showing the different stages of mail handling from the time a letter is posted until its delivery.

The Canada Post Office also had on exhibition frames showing proofs and other related material in the development of the 20 cents Forestry Products stamp which was issued in 1952 and the five cents Alberta-Saskatchewan Commemorative of 1955.

There were also on display a frame showing development material for the 10 cents Eskimo stamp which was designed by Harold Beament of Montreal, and an album of the Alexander Graham Bell stamp which was issued on the 100th anniversary of the birth of the inventor of the telephone.

Many of those visiting the exhibition took the opportunity of visiting the Panorama of Telephone Progress on the twentieth floor of the building which depicts the progress of telephony from the experimental instruments of Alexander Graham Bell to the complex systems of the present day.

This Exhibition which was staged by the Westmount Stamp Club in conjunction with the Hobby Committee of the Laurentian Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America has undoubtedly done much to stimulate interest in stamp collecting. It is extremely gratifying to all those interested in philately when a large corporation extends its co-operation in this way thus making possible the presentation of such a splendidly organized and publicized exhibition.

L. A. Davenport, 230 Lonsmount Drive, Toronto 10, has issued Bulletin Number 21, virtually a catalog on the matter treated. It is marked the 1956-7 B.N.A. and U.S.A. issue, and lists B.N.A., British Colonies and U.S.A. Special attention is given to various aspects of Canadian stamps.

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No. 333—Moose Jaw "CRASH" Cover

Remember that terrible collision of a Harvard trainer and a North Star Airliner near Moose Jaw in April 1954 taking 37 lives?

One of the prize items just recently added to my collection is a charred envelope bearing the corner card of the "Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa." It is a window type business envelope. On the reverse is the single-lined circular handstamp reading in five lines "District Post Office Inspector/Investigation/Apr 9 1954/2/Moose Jaw, Sask."

Another choice item for one collection I hope will never grow any bigger!

No. 334—1949 Consular Fee Stamps

On page No. 280 of Holmes' Eighth Edition, Specialized Catalogue of Canada and B.N.A. is mentioned the Consular Fee Stamps issued in 1949. He lists the 25c blue, 50c pink, \$1.00 orange, \$2.00 brown and \$5.00 green.

These things must be scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth! Although seven years have passed since they first appeared all I have managed to snag on to is a single copy of the \$1.00 orange. This is cancelled in magenta with the double-circular consular cancel with the coat of arms in the center—at Hong Kong.

Correspondence invited regarding these elusive issues.

No. 335—Railway Pictorial Post Cards

Both Holmes and Bond mention these interesting issues in their catalogues. They have long been popular with Canadian collectors, but

have become increasingly so during the past year. Nelson Bond has been conducting a great deal of new research on these during the past two years and as a result catalogues are due for some tremendous changes and additions. Along with these will come some big increases in catalogue values.

These have long been one of my favorite little sidelines, but it wasn't until I began working with Bond that I began to add any appreciable number of new items to my collection. Right now that album contains approximately 200 different items!

No. 336—1930 10c Postage Due— Part Perf

Some time ago I was successful bidder on a vertical pair of these, imperforate horizontally. According to Jephcott there was but one sheet of 100 so issued. They are really the only outstanding variety of the 1930 Postage Due series.

My question is—are all the stamps from this sheet as poorly centered as mine? The vertical right row of perforations cuts into the design. The left vertical row is so far to the left that the full gutter between stamps shows, as does a very small portion of the next stamps.

I'd like to hear from other owners of this item.

No. 337—London—London Airmail Cover

Way back in Hollow Tree Packet No. 158 which appeared in P.S. in March 1952 I discussed this Canadian Airmail rarity.

According to Sanabria "100 copies were printed—only three are known mint—the plane disappeared at sea carrying 97 aerograms."

In packet No. 158 I stated "there are four or five mint copies known." I note that Holmes confirms this in his new catalogue with the statement "Only four copies are known to exist."

Also to quote from that earlier packet, "I have reason to believe that one used copy on cover also exists!" This has now been confirmed, as visitors to FIPEX can attest. There in the Silver-Gilt Medal collection of Canadian Semi-Official Airmails belonging to none other than Dr. Holmes was the rarity of all Canadian Airmail classics! Properly cancelled yes—how come it didn't meet the fate of the others?—Well that's another story!

No. 338—1941 War Savings Die Proof

The 1941 issue of War Savings Stamps was in the form of a booklet pane of eight stamps, each with a separate and distinct design. It is unique in Canadian philatelic annals. The making up of a collection of die proofs of this issue is therefore a difficult one since there would be eight distinct designs, each with its own variety of trial colors, etc.

I have just managed to acquire my first of these—the Nurses and Ambulance design, which appears as the second stamp from the left in the bottom row of four stamps in the pane. (Stamp No. 6 in the pane.) Mine is the large die proof in the dusky red brown, of which the Essay Proof Journal states, "only one copy known." So now all I have to do is to obtain die proofs of the other seven designs!

No. 339—Newfoundland Postal Stationery

Back in packet No. 251 I reported that I had started to form a collection of Newfoundland Postal Stationery. I can now report that here is one collection which appears to be completed! There are only 26 major varieties, plus a few interesting minor varieties — but finding them was not easy. Since I collected only mint copies I had to turn down several nice used ones, which are generally tougher to find than the mint. If I ever wish to expand this collection all I need to do is to try to form a duplicate used one.

Newfoundland Postal Stationery is generally very attractive. The envelope dies are beautiful—the post cards with their variety of ornate inscriptions, borders and engine turned backgrounds are especially attractive, and that dilly of a Reply

Letter Card is one of the most interesting items of postal stationery ever issued by anyone.

For anyone looking for a small, limited and inexpensive B.N.A. field to play with, I heartily recommend Newfoundland Postal Stationery. Draws nice attention when exhibited at local shows too.

No. 340—First Issue Officially Sealed

The First Issue of these Officially Sealed stamps appeared in 1875 and was in use for twenty-seven years before being replaced with the large Victoria on thick bluish paper. It was contemporary with the Small Queens issue of postage. Therefore it is not surprising to find that these seals exist with both the 12x12 and the 11½x12 perforations.

Neither Jarrett or the newest edition of Holmes' catalogue lists the 11½x12 variety, but it is mentioned and listed in Boggs. In as much as there were only about 20,000 of this seal issued the number existing of either perforation variety cannot be large. While it may not be conclusive, it is my observation that most copies available seem to be in the perf. 11½x12 perforation,—the first and perhaps the largest printing. Only about one in six to eight copies seem to be in the perf. 12 variety. If this holds true for the whole issue, the perf. 12 seal is a very scarce item indeed.

NEW ISSUES . . . by Red Eagle

AUSTRALIA—1 Value, 3d Resp. Govt.

FALKLAND IS.—1 Value, 2p.

FIJI—6 Additional values to 5/-.

JAMAICA—7 Additional values to 20/-.

MALTA—1 Value, 5/-.

NEW ZEALAND—3 Values Health Issue.

PAKISTAN—1 Value, 9th anniversary.

SEYCHELLES — 3 Values, 10c, 35c, 70c.

SUDAN—3 Values, Indep. Issue.

FRANCE—3 Values Pictorials.

HONDURAS—3 Values air mail.

SAN MARINO—3 Values Philatelic Congress.

SYRIA—3 Values air mail.

AUBREY KELSON144 Elliott Row,
SAINT JOHN, N.B., CANADA.

JAMAICA			Scott No.			M	U	Scott No.			M	U			
Scott No.	M	U	72	4p	.30	.30	136-7	set	.12	.12	135	10/-	2.25	2.35	
7	1p	—	.12	73	1/-	—	.60	138	1½p	—	.07	138-9	SW	4.75	—
8	2p	—	.08	75	½p	.03	—	140	3p	.08	.08	141	20/-	3.00	3.25
10	4p	—	1.00	76	1p	.07	—	142	1½p	—	.06	145	6p	—	.25
12	1/-	pg. ..	1.25	.20	77	1½p	.08	.03	142-5	UPU	.55	148-9	½p	—	.50
13	½p	—	—	.18	78	2p	.18	.18	& 1p	.04	.03	150-1	—	.18	.15
14	2/-	1.25	—	.18	79	2½p	.18	.18	152	3p	.06	152	3p	.06	.06
16	½p	—	.06	80	3p	—	.10	.02	B1-3	4.50	—	B1-3	—	—	—
16a	½p	—	.07	81	4p	—	.45	.07	MR1	.05	—	2	—	—	.20
18	1p	.18	.10	83	1/-	—	1.00	.08	4	—	.06	4	—	—	.05
18a	1p	—	.15	84	2/-	1.75	—	.04	7	.04	—	7	—	—	.04
20a	2p	—	.10	87	10/-	6.00	—	.08	8	.04	.03	8	—	—	.03
21	3p	.25	.15	88	½p	.05	.02	.12	9	.12	—	9	—	—	.12
22	4p	.55	.12	89	1p	.07	.02	.12	10	.05	—	10	—	—	.05
22a	4p	—	.85	90	1½p	.10	.04	.30	11	—	.12	11	—	—	.12
23	6p	—	.55	91	2p	.18	.07	1.00	O1a	—	.15	O1a	—	—	.15
24	1p	—	.03	92	2½p	.20	.08	2.00	O2, 3, 4	—	.20	O2, 3, 4	—	—	.20
25	2p	.30	—	92a	2½p pale	.25	—	4.00							
26	2½p	.45	.08	92	3p	.12	.04	.02							
27	2½p opt.	—	1.00	94	4p	.15	.08	.02							
28	1/-	.85	—	95	6p	1.00	.12	.02							
29	2/-	—	1.50	96	1/-	.45	.12	.02							
31	1p	—	.07	97	2/-	.65	.30	.02							
32	1p	—	.04	98	3/-	3.75	1.00	.02							
33	½p	.12	.02	99	5/-	2.00	2.00	.02							
33b	½p	1.85	—	100	10/-	4.00	4.00	.02							
34	1p	—	.02	101	1½p	.03	.02	.02							
34b	1p	1.70	—	102	6p	.70	.35	.02							
35	2½p	.35	.12	103	1p	.08	.02	.03							
36	5p	1.50	—	104	1½p	.08	.03	.20							
37	½p	.12	.04	105	9p	—	.10	.12							
38	½p	.25	.05	106	2p	—	.12	.25							
39	2½p	.40	.20	107	2½p	—	.25	.06							
41	5p	2.50	2.50	108	6p	—	.06	.12							
42	6p	.55	—	109	1p	—	.12	—							
44	2/-	.90	—	110	1½p	—	—	—							
45	5/-	2.50	1.75	111	6p	.55	—	—							
47	3p	.45	.12	112	1/-	—	1.00	—							
48	3p	.35	.18	113-15	set	.20	.18	—							
48	3d	SG 47	.60	116	½p	.02	.02	—							
51	4p	.20	.25	117	1p	.03	.02	—							
52	6p	.55	—	118	1½p	—	.02	—							
53	6p	—	1.60	119	2p	.03	.02	—							
58	½p	.05	—	120	2½p	.40	.18	—							
59	1p	.05	.02	121	3d	.08	.08	—							
60	2p	.30	—	122	4p	.07	.04	—							
61	1p	.04	.02	123	6p	.07	.03	—							
61a	1p	—	.02	124	9p	.12	.08	—							
62a	1½p	.25	.04	125	1/-	.16	.06	—							
63	2p	.20	.18	126	2/-	.30	.18	—							
63a	2p	—	.10	127	5/-	.85	.55	—							
64	2½p	.20	.08	128	10/-	2.00	2.00	—							
65	3p	.30	.08	129	1½p	.08	.03	—							
66	4p	.30	.12	130	2p	.10	.08	—							
67	6p	.40	.18	131	3p	.12	.12	—							
68	1/-	—	.35	132	4½p	.15	.14	—							
69	2/-	—	2.25	133	2/-	.50	.50	—							
71	3p	.18	.12	134	5/-	1.25	1.25	—							

CLIENTS SPECIALS

AUSTRALIA

Scotts 178 5/- Thin Paper
unhinged, very scarce.
Inscription block of four
Very fine to superb
lower left corner
with full selvage left

\$8.00

CANADA

Scotts 136, 137, 138.
Imperf. & Unhinged
Superb blocks of four
mint 1c selvage at left,
2c upper corner block,
full selvage, guide line,
3c selvage at right

\$20.00

NEWFOUNDLAND

Scotts 192 6c Princess,
superb and very scarce
block of 4 mint, selvage
top of sheet, unhinged.

\$15.00

Aubrey Kelson, 144 Elliott Row Saint John, N.B.

British Guiana		M	U
51	2c	—	.25
77	12c	—	.55
82	1c, 6c ..	2.00	—
90	1c, 1c ..	—	2.00
93	1c, 96c ..	.55	—
94	2c, 96c ..	—	.85
100	2c, 24c ..	5.00	part gum
104	no gum ..	1.00	—
107	1c	—	.08
108	2c	—	.08
109	4c	1.75	—
110	6c	.70	—
111	8c	1.75	.25
112	1c	.20	—
114	3c opt. ..	.20	—
117	6c opt. ..	.25	—
120	10c opt. ..	.65	—
125	\$2 opt. ..	10.00	—
126	\$3 opt. ..	4.80	—
131	1c	.10	.07
131a	1c	—	.05
133	2c	—	.08
134	2c	.10	.07
135	4c	—	.30
136	5c	—	.07
138	6c	.85	—
139	8c	.50	.30
140	8c	—	.60
142	24c	—	.40
144	48c	—	2.00
146	72c	2.00	—
145	60c	—	6.00
147	96c	2.50	—
152-6	set	4.00	—
152	1c	.25	.20
153	2c	—	.20
155	10c	—	1.50
157-9	set	.75	—
157	2c, 5c ..	.25	—
158	2c, 10c ..	.25	.20
160	1c	.12	.05
161	2c	—	.06
162	4c	—	.55
163	5c	—	.55
168	60c	2.25	—
169	72c	2.50	—
170	96c	2.50	—
171	\$2.40 ..	15.00	—
172	2c	.08	.04
172a	2c	—	.03
174	4c	.25	.15
175	5c	—	.12
178	1c	.08	.06
179	2c	.05	.04
179a	2c	—	.04
180	4c	.20	—
181	5c	.20	—
182	6c	.25	—
183	12c	.30	—
184	24c	.45	—
185	48c	.65	—
186	60c	1.25	—
187	72c	1.75	—
188	96c	2.50	—
190	96c	1.75	—
191	1c	.07	.06
193	2c	.08	—
194	4c	.10	.08
195	6c	.20	.12
196	12c	—	.25
197	24c	.55	.40
198	48c	—	.85
199	60c	1.25	—
200	72c	1.75	—
201	96c	2.25	—
205	1c	.18	.20
206	2c	.18	.08
207	4c	—	.40
208	6c	1.25	1.00
209	\$1	—	5.00
210-11	ea	.05	.04
212	3c	.03	.02
213	4c	.07	.04
214	6c	.12	.12
215	12c	.10	.03
216	24c	.60	—
219	60c	1.35	—
220	72c	1.00	.85
222	\$1	3.75	—
223	2c	.08	.08
227/9	.....	.25	.20
230/1	ea	.02	.02
232/3	ea	.04	.03
234	24c	.25	.10
234a	24c	3.00	2.00
235	36c	.26	.18
236	48c	.45	.25
237	60c	.55	.35
238	96c	.95	.50
239	\$1	1.25	.20
240	\$2	2.50	.70
241	\$3	3.00	—
242/3	.....	.10	.10
246/9	UPU ..	—	.70
246	.....	—	.08
247	.....	—	.10
249	.....	—	.25
J1, 2, 12	.....	.15	—
MR1	.....	.05	.05
O1	.....	—	1.00
O2	.....	—	.85
O8	.....	—	1.75

A client's collection
items

Canada

Superb mint unhinged
Scotts 273. Plate block

P1, 1 UR

Dollar Ferry

\$10.00

Overprinted OHMS

Scotts O10 Plate block

P1, 1 UL

Dollar Ferry

\$20.00

NEWFOUNDLAND

Balboa Air C 18

Superb mint.

Single copy

\$28.50

Blk. of 4, \$110.00

FALKLAND ISLES

Rare Geo. 5th Scotts
75 and 76. Excel-
lent centering. Lightly
hinged.

Catalog \$200.00

The two, mint for

\$90.00

Aubrey Kelson

144 Elliott Row

SAINT JOHN, N.B.

Other Canadian Official Perfins— FEDERAL ISSUES

By Ed Richardson, BNAPS

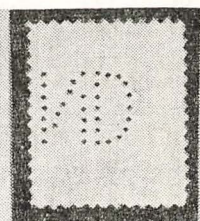
With the tremendous interest in Canadian stamps with OHMS perfed initials, it is a little short of amazing to this collector, that two other types of Canadian official perfins have been so neglected by all but the most avid of perfin fans.

It comes as no surprise to most collectors of Canadian Officials, that the early, five-hole type OHMS perfin was not generally used by the various departments of the Canadian government, until after July 1, 1939. All of the really early issues, for which collectors are today paying \$5.00 to \$35.00 and more, per copy, were used only by the Finance Department. This was the case until March 1935. Therefore, perfins of other departments, issued during this same period, are of equal official status.

Issues of Departments of the Dominion Government



MD—Militia
Dept.,
Ottawa.



ND—Dept. of
National Def.,
Ottawa.

Both of these types appear to be exceedingly rare, and in most cases would appear to be a great deal more difficult to find than corresponding issues of OHMS perfins.

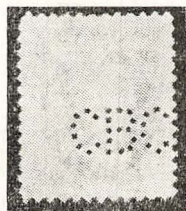
The MD perfin, used by the Militia Department of the Dominion Government at Ottawa is very scarce on any issue. It has been seen on several issues and denominations from the first Admiral issues of 1912 thru the Scroll Issue of 1928. This collector has not seen more than twenty-five copies on approximately ten different stamp varieties in all of fifteen years of perfin collecting.

The ND perfin was used by the Department of National Defense at Ottawa. It would appear that it is a bit less rare than the MD variety. Mint copies of the 1922 Admiral issue have been seen. So far none have been reported on the 1912 Admiral issues, so it would appear that these came into use sometime after the MD perfins. They were apparently used for a longer period as copies are known on the first George VI issue of 1937. This collector has seen approximately a hundred copies of the ND perfin, on about twenty-two different stamp varieties.

The ND perfin is known on the 1c yellow of 1922 precancelled Ottawa. This is the type three Ottawa precancel, universal style No. 205 with the heavy double bars and ONTARIO in san-serif caps. No other varieties of precancelled stamps are known to this collector with either the ND or MD perfins.

One other comment about these two perfins may be of interest to collectors. All MD perfins in this collectors' collection are inverted, and all ND perfins in the collection are normal.

Issues of Crown Companies of the Dominion



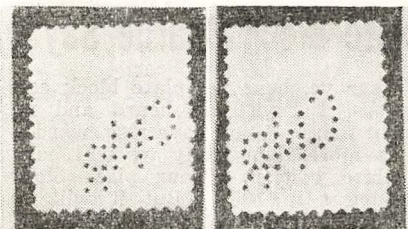
CBC—Canadian Broadcasting Corp.



Type No. 1

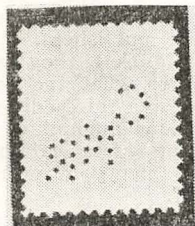


Type No. 2



Type No. 3

Type No. 4



Type No. 5

CNR — Canadian National Railways
(some were earlier used by
Canadian Northern Railway.)

This group of Perfins have less status as Official issues of the Dominion Government. They were not used by any regular department of the government, but by Crown Companies owned and operated by the Dominion.

The CBC perfin is a relative newcomer to the field. It is first found on the War Issue of 1942, and continues in use thru the current Queen Elizabeth Issues.

Type I, CNR was originally used by the Canadian Northern Railway. It is found on the King Edward, Admiral and 1927 Confederation Issues. It has been generally believed that this was not used by the Canadian National Railways, but I have in my collection a cover of May 4, 1928, bearing a copy of the 2c green Admiral, used at Winnipeg, on an envelope with the Canadian National Railways corner card.

Type II, CNR with the "N" five holes high, and with a bar of four holes, was also originally used by the Canadian Northern Railway. It has had the longest record of use of all five types. It is first found on the King Edward issues and continues in use of the Queen Elizabeth issues. Used at Toronto.

Type III, CNR with the "N" five

holes high, and with a bar of three holes, was used at Winnipeg. It is found on the 1922-25 Admiral issues, and continues in use thru the Queen Elizabeth issues. It is most likely that type three replaced type I for use at Winnipeg soon after the merging of Canadian Northern into Canadian National system.

Type IV, CNR with the "N" six holes high, and with a bar of three holes, was used at Montreal. It is found on the 1923-25 Admirals, and continues thru the present Queen Elizabeth issues.

Type V, CNR with the "N" only four holes high, and with a bar of two holes, was used at Toronto. It is of comparatively recent vintage. It is first found on the War Issue of 1942, although I have heard that copies are supposedly known on the Medallion Issue. They continue in use on the current Queen Elizabeth issues.

So there you are,—if you have found yourself rather limited in your ability to add new varieties to your OHMS perfin, why not take "a whirl" at the other Official issues of the Dominion Government, as used by two other departments, and two Crown companies?

RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

Consider the many extraordinary results at auctions and the high prices obtained, one would be led to believe that little could be amiss with stamp collecting. We read of the Caspary sales of Canadian stamps reaching a sum greater than \$130,000 and that the bid for any stamp of Canada reached a record figure of \$10,500 with Mr. Sissons of Toronto bidding up to \$10,000 for a superb mint copy of the 12p black with full sheet margin at foot, no other copy in such magnificent condition had been previously offered anywhere. This is another instance of Mr. Sissons continual drive for the rare stamps of Canada. We have no information as yet who bought the item referred to, but assume it did not come home to rest in any collection here. It will be interesting indeed to see what the future catalog

reaction will be to the price paid for this renowned stamp.

Three new catalogs have reached Canada, Gibbons part 1 from London, the Queen catalog of the Commonwealth and Scotts Part 2 of foreign countries, the latter shows many new additions and changes totalling over 30,000 items, which will be of great interest to collectors of foreign countries. The price of both part 1 and 2 have been advanced this year, so far we do not know when part 1 will be released. It would seem time that Mr. Harmer gave some consideration to issuing the catalogs in four parts. For instance the Specialists U.S.A. section could well cover the need of that country for those interested, part 2 could be issued for British Empire, part 3 for foreign and Asia, etc., and a part 4 for all South Americas, something of this kind would lower the individual cost of sections of interest to collectors, even though the total price for all would be greater. The size of the catalogs now in use is too large for convenient use, it is a matter which should be given early consideration.

The coming Australian Olympic issue appears to be an attractive set and will be popular, collectors of sport stamps are abundant. The distribution of these should be heavy.

News to hand from Australia last week informs me that a new 7p stamp is to be issued shortly. Fyndem of London boosts the Cobb & Co. issue for future rise, it is strange that Gibbons' price for the set is still at 3/2d, considering the general selling price is at a higher level. The set for future which appeals to me is the Tasmanian issue as I know the supply in Australia is practically nil.

A Canadian boost by Fyndem is the 1922 special delivery stamp, Scott's E2, we all know here it is a tough item to get mint, over 200,000 of this stamps were issued but they seem to have gone from most dealers stocks in mint condition.

The New Zealand health set has come to hand, they are not nearly as attractive as issues previous to those of 1955.

Cheerio everyone.

Plate Block Charlie Says:

Hear ye, hear ye, plate block collectors. I have just heard and no doubt many of you have also heard—it is more than likely we will have a third edition of our plate block catalogue in 1957. But it will be necessary for all of us to get behind this third edition and push, and by pushing, I mean signify your intention to purchase the third edition by notifying the publishers. It is only by doing this that they will have any idea as to what the demand is going to be for a third edition. There is a tremendous amount of work in the publishing of a catalogue and it also takes plenty of what I have very little of.

I look for tremendous increases in the older issues, particularly the war issues. I do not believe there is a single position in the war issues that won't double in price. A great many of them will increase as many as twenty times.

Many of the issues following, or rather, many of the plates and positions following the war issues will increase some, but nothing like what the earlier plates will do.

Every year must see a great increase in the number of plate block collectors. I do not believe it is just a fad. I believe plate block collecting is here to stay. It has been going on for years, but only by a few collectors, hence the scarcity of so many of the earlier issues.

We should thank those collectors. Also I believe we should thank the so-called hoarders or speculators of the earlier issues. Without them the early issues would be beyond the reach of we plate collectors. That is all I can say at this time regarding the new catalogue.

Nothing to say about plate blocks except, don't get too far behind. Once you get behind it is hard to catch up again.

Glad to have been with you. Cheerio and good hunting.—P. B. Charlie.

An attractive United States stamp to us is the recent 3c Nassau Hall. The black on orange is a distinct relief from overworked shades of blue they have been using for some time.

Advertising will gain new customers

CANADA JOTTINGS

By Will Eye

Official Plate Blocks

Well hurricane Hazel and the floods knocked us out of action almost before we got started, but we finally got back to dry land and hope to continue along with your support on notes of Canadiana. We have many inquiries to catch up on so this month will be devoted solely to them with our apologies for the long (and rather wet for us) delay.

1. O9—50c OHMS, L.L. Plate Block—Missing Period Variety.

J. L. Kraemer in Dec. 55 P.S. writes to say he has a L.L. Plate Block of O9 with the period showing on all stamps. We would like to see this block and have it expertized as we do not believe it exists without the period missing after the S of OHMS (on stamp No. 47) since we are assured by Ottawa only one printing was made on this stamp. We have checked dealers in the Toronto area (incl. Sissons) and none have seen the L.L. plate with the period after the S on stamp No. 47. Has any other reader got one? Also, how many have a plate in any position of O9? Just while on this subject it appears that for some reason O10 L.L. plate with missing period is very scarce, much more so than O9. How many readers have this one?

2. Scarcest Position—O4 Plate 49 Upper Right?

In reference to Mr. Lethaby's letter in Nov. 55 P.S. I note he has indeed an imposing collection missing only two positions of O4, one on plate 49 and one on plate 50. We would guess he is missing Pt. 49 U.R. and Pt. 50 L.L. (We recently had the pleasure of supplying three collectors with O4 Pt. 50 L.L.) Who has O4 Pt. 49 U.R.? We have seen only two and indeed wonder if many more exist. Outside of O9 plates and O10 L.L. with missing period, this is our choice as the scarcest official plate block. Also keep your eyes open for O27 plates of the \$1 Fish as we believe on some of these sheets the selvage (and thus plate number) was removed before being distributed.

3. Quantities of Plate Blocks—150 exist of O9?

Any figure on quantities must of course be only an estimate as we do not know how many plates were broken up and used or kept as singles, or the selvage removed. Indeed we remember, along with two other local dealers, two years back, breaking up plate of O25 \$1 Ferry G to supply singles (if I remember correctly we broke up 9 plates this way). Now Mr. Stovel makes an inquiry re the quantities of these plate blocks as we had shown in our article in October 55 P.S. We estimated about 288 as the maximum possible number that could exist. Now he states this should be figured as 30,000 (total printing of O9) divided by 50 gives 600. Well first of all about 15,000 plus were used and it is fairly safe to presume that most of these were broken up leaving very few plates. I have seen only one used O9 plate and it was specially used by a collector. Also of the used there is probably at least 20% lost and damaged, so if there were about 14,400 mint remaining this would leave a maximum of 288 plates as there is only one plate per sheet of 50 stamps. Indeed I would be surprised if even 150 mint O9 plate blocks exist unsevered today. Lets hear from those that have any and we will publish a tabulation broken down by provinces—also if you are writing, pass on some news tid-bits (if used we will acknowledge same in our column).

4. Complete O.H.M.S. and G Plate Block Collections.

How many of you are in that enviable position of having all plates and all positions? Those that are or are only missing 10 or less, drop us a line (and let us know which ones you are missing) and we will publish the results in a later issue.

5. Later Issues—Official Varieties—Booklets.

We hope to give a complete list of missing period varieties and narrow spacing on the O.H.M.S. overprints and also some notes on complete booklets—a field many are now taking up, in future articles. So drop us a line on what you know and if of general interest we will use same in the column.

Letters To the Editor

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 8, 1956.

Mr. A. L. McCready,

Editor, Popular Stamps,

Dear Sir:

If I were to jump to conclusions as Mr. Argenti in his letter on the Nova Scotia PP variety seems to have done, I would have to say that he believes himself to be the ultimate on Nova Scotia. However this is not the case, I respect Mr. Argenti's ability as a student of Nova Scotia, although I don't believe anyone should make a snap judgment without having examined the subject he is talking about.

This stamp was examined in the Midwest Philatelic Laboratory of Holton, Kansas. Mr. Harry Weiss the director of this laboratory knows his philately and is well able to give an expert opinion with the aid of his modern equipment.

The stamp was examined with ultra violet, infra-red, electric magnification and by X-ray and the opinion formed was that this is a true variety and not a plate flaw or dirty plate variety.

I am an amateur in all phases of philately and can't claim distinction in any field except for the enthusiasm in trying to learn some slight knowledge.

This stamp is around 100 years old and I don't believe the answer to the why of this stamp can ever be settled unless others of this variety are found. I hope every collector who has the 3d in his collection will give them a good examination.

The records of Messrs. Perkins and Bacon are not complete on some of their printings as to repairs, re-entries, etc., on the plates, so who can say there wasn't an error that was corrected after a limited number of impressions were run off. The first printing of this stamp was in 1851 according to Dr. Holmes' Handbook and two million were printed. They were in use 'til the cents issues were placed on sale October 1, 1861. How many times these plate were put to press I do not know but I do think it would be several times and

if they were of copper or unhardened steel I do think there was a possibility of them being damaged in storage and re-entered or repaired.

I do not have any reference books on Nova Scotia but until someone can prove to my satisfaction how the E could have the lower bar obliterated by ink from a recess and the recess disappear to form the colorless half circle to join the upper and middle bars together to form the letter P, I will have to go along with my present opinion that it is a true variety.

Chas. D. Chappell.

Editor of Popular Stamps.

Dear Sir:

There are always two sides to every question! I resent all the disparaging criticism about the designs of our stamps and no constructive advice offered in their place.

Cannot the P.O. authorities at Ottawa and the designers be given some credit for their enterprising and original work?

The Wild Life Issues are most criticised. Will not the fault-finders bear in mind the object in producing these stamps? May I remind them that the P.O. authorities wished to emphasise to all the importance of securing and restoring wild life resources of Canada, not only for their considerable economic value but also because they are a constant source of pleasure in every walk of life. Take for instance the 1955 Whooping Crane that through indiscriminating hunting had reduced their number to 21. This stamp has already produced so much publicity that now there are known to be over 30 of these birds. One of the reasons for the annual National Wild Life Week being observed was to pay homage to the late Jack Miner and perpetuate his memory. He was a famed conservationist and to the animals he so dearly loved and especially to the Branti Canadianis.

Could a more perfect design be found than in this November 3, 1952, issue? I, for one, greatly admire the work (and take off my hat) to the artist who designed it and his other exquisite miniature portraits and to all other such artists. Be-

cause the recent 5c Wild Goat had such a dour expression no one liked it but would they have liked a grinning goat instead? What about the little blue Polar Bear, could anything be more attractive?

It must be remembered that those who drew these portraits of animals didn't choose the subjects themselves but were given them and told to get on with the designs.

The unfortunate Coronation stamp is really a fine work of art. The whole fault lies in its production and insufficient time to rectify this before it was due to be issued.

As for the Prime Minister issues no one has complained of the faces (or to put it bluntly "mugs" if Mr. Editor approves of this expression?) of these worthy gentlemen, do they not rank on a par with the visages of the wild animals? They are an historical record which is so aptly preserved and benefit to stamp lovers and all else.

Now please "criticisers" do reconsider your ideas and just try and design a stamp yourself and appreciate the wisdom for all these poor condemned issues.—Belinda.

INTERESTING SLOGANS

In our early years with P.S. we had a meter slogan column. Our meter editor retired and the column was dropped. That doesn't mean that meter slogans went out of fashion as collectible items. We, ourselves, were more occupied with stamps at the time, and didn't follow up the slogan side-line. To us the stamp is still the thing but sorting over a small accumulation of office mail we were attracted to taking note of the following meter slogans.

Out of Guelph, Ont., on Meter 143877, illustration of a bee on clover blossom, and slogan, "Honey Bees for Pollination. The Spark Plug of Agriculture."

From Brantford, Ont., illustration of a milk bottle and boxed slogan, "Drink an Extra Glass of Milk Each Day."

And particularly applicable at the present time are the following two slogans, on House of Assembly, Toronto, Ont., meter, 1st, in white letters on a solid black circle "Hurry Kills!" and beside and below, "Slow down . . . Stay Alive!"

IS IT CONSTANT?



A Ville-Marie, P.Q., reader sends us a sketch of Canada No. 111 with thinning of frame line at lower left as in sketch above. He has only seen one copy like this.

Second, in a rectangle box, a hunter in lower left corner aiming gun at deer in upper right, and wording of slogan reading, "Be Sure Your Target is not Another Hunter."

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koala's cry (which resembles that of a baby) is also said to have been derived from the legendary treatment cruelly meted out by the aboriginals when they refused to allow the koalas to drink!—Stamp News, Australia.

1000th EDITION

The Philatelic Trader, Harris Publications Ltd., 29 Buckingham St., London, W.C.2, England, brought out its 1000th issue on October 12th. A twice a month wholesale stamp publication, it started out in 1899 as a monthly and became a fortnightly in the mid-thirties. It is a veritable Who's Who for the retail stamp dealer with its dozens of wholesale advertisers, mostly overseas, and has a good showing of editorial contents.

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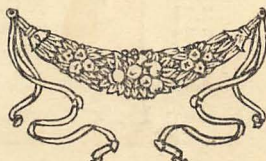
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